

## **AP World History Summer Assignment**

### **Mr. McDowell and Mr. Norris**

Welcome to Advanced Placement World History. Over the course of the school year we will explore 10,000 years of human history, learn valuable skills, and take the AP Exam. This is an exciting class that will allow us to look at the big picture of history, trace cultures over time, and examine human interactions.

For most of you, this is your first AP class. To be successful, you will need to stay focused and work hard. In September we will discuss specific requirements for the class and the AP Exam.

For now, you must complete the following summer assignment that will count as part of your grade during the first progress report in the fall. The purpose of this assignment is to get a jumpstart on the curriculum, which will provide us an opportunity to go into more depth on other topics.

#### **Part 1: Course Overview**

Review Part 1 of the course reader. Answer the accompanying questions.

#### **Part 2: World Map**

Label and memorize the attached world map. There will be a quiz on this map the first week of school.

#### **Part 3: Theme Charts**

For each of the five ancient civilizations (Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus Valley, China, the Americas), complete a Theme chart. You may use the provided chart as template or download a Microsoft Word version of the template from the AP World History web site. Use page 8 of Part 1 of the course reader to learn more about each theme.

#### **Part 4: Flash Cards**

Using pages 25, 34, and 69-70 in the reader, create flash cards for the provided people, terms, and concepts. For each item, identify the person, idea, or concept and explain why it is significant. One side should have the term, the other the definition and significance. These items will be covered on the first unit exam.

**This assignment will be due on the first day of school, September 8, 2009. The attached pages contain more specific information related to each assignment.**

If you need help, you may contact Mr. McDowell or Mr. Norris at the e-mail addresses below. There will also be several days over the summer that both teachers will be available to answer questions.

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## **Course Introduction Summer Assignment (Part 1)**

### **AP World History**

After reading Part One of the summer reader (pages 6 – 20), please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper (or type your responses).

1. What is the purpose of the AP World History course?
2. Summarize each of the five themes. Why are these themes a good way to look at world history?
3. What is periodization in the context of AP World History?
4. Why is perspective important?
5. What will the AP Exam look like?
6. What types of information will you be asked about in the multiple choice part of the AP Exam?
7. Briefly describe the three types of essays you will write on the AP Exam.

## Theme Chart

Civilization:

Theme	Notes
1. Humans and the Environment	
2. Culture	
3. Government and Politics	
4. The Economy	
5. Social Structures	

See page 8 in Part 1 of the summer reader for descriptions of the themes.

## **World Mapping Exercise (Summer Assignment Part 1)**

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#### **Part A: Mapping Exercise**

**Directions:** Label (or number) the world map with the land and water features listed below in the color indicated in parenthesis. Two maps have been provided. You may label everything on a single map or use both.

#### **Continents (Red)**

1. North America
2. South America
3. Australia
4. Europe
5. Antarctica
6. Asia
7. Africa

#### **Oceans and Seas (Blue)**

1. Atlantic Ocean (1N. North and 1S. South)
2. Pacific Ocean (2N. North and 2S. South)
3. Indian Ocean
4. Arctic Ocean
5. North Sea
6. Baltic Sea
7. English Channel
8. Norwegian Sea
9. Barents Sea
10. Mediterranean Sea
11. Adriatic Sea
12. Aegean Sea
13. Black Sea
14. Caspian Sea
15. Great Lakes
16. Red Sea
17. Persian Gulf
18. Arabian Sea
19. Bay of Bengal
20. South China Sea
21. East China Sea
22. Yellow Sea
23. Sea of Japan

#### **Rivers (Green)**

1. Nile River
2. Amazon River
3. Mississippi River
4. Rio Grande
5. Indus River

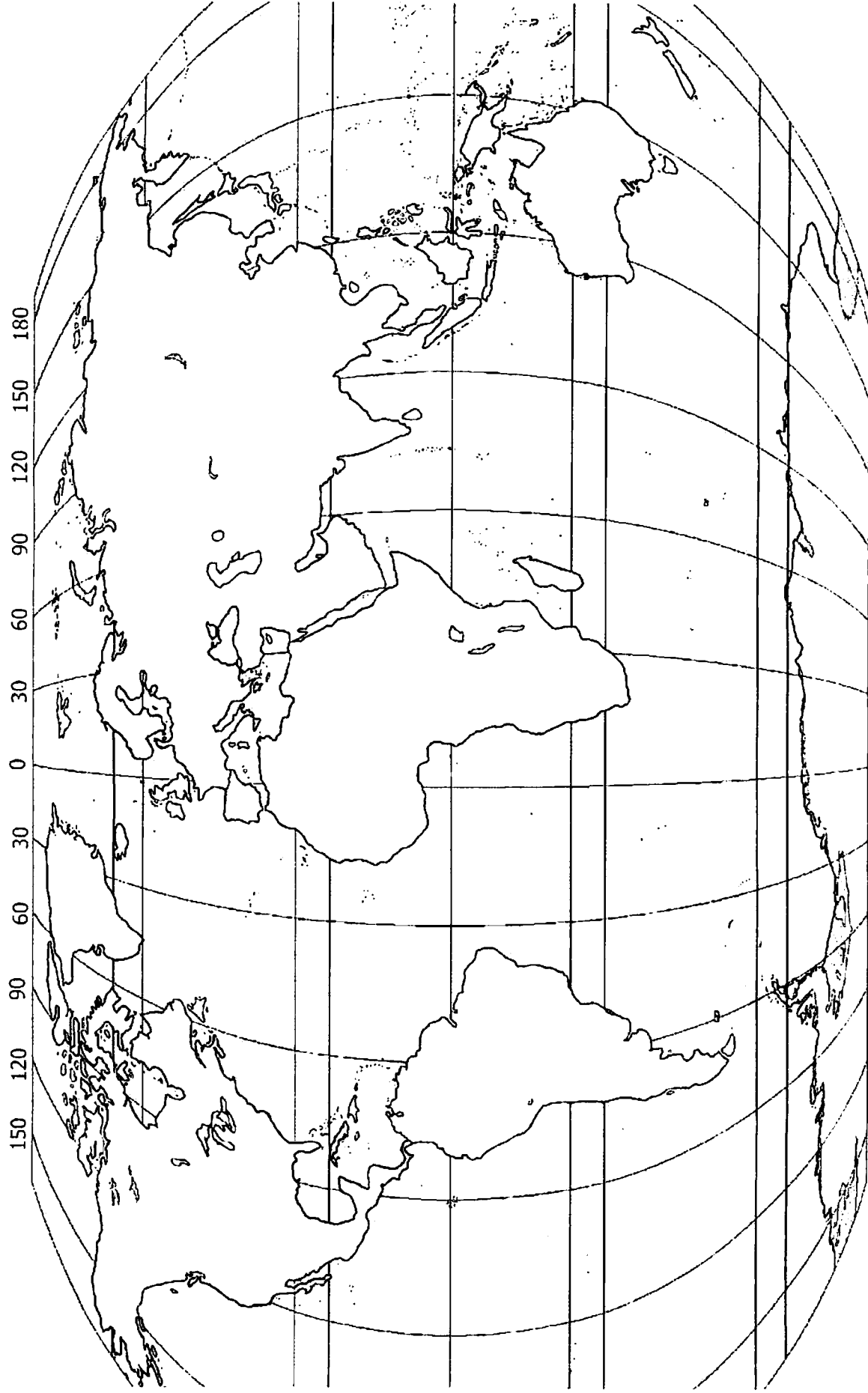
6. Ganges River
7. Danube River
8. Yangtze River
9. Yellow River
10. Tigres River
11. Euphrates River

**Mountain Ranges and Deserts (Brown or Black)**

1. Alalska Range
2. Rocky Mountains
3. Appalachian Mountains
4. Andes Mountains
5. Alps
6. Atlas Mountains
7. Ural Mountains
8. Hindu Kush
9. Himalaya Mountains
10. Atacama Desert
11. Sahara Desert
12. Gobi Desert
13. Kalahari Desert
14. Namib Desert
15. Syrian Desert
16. Great Sandy Desert

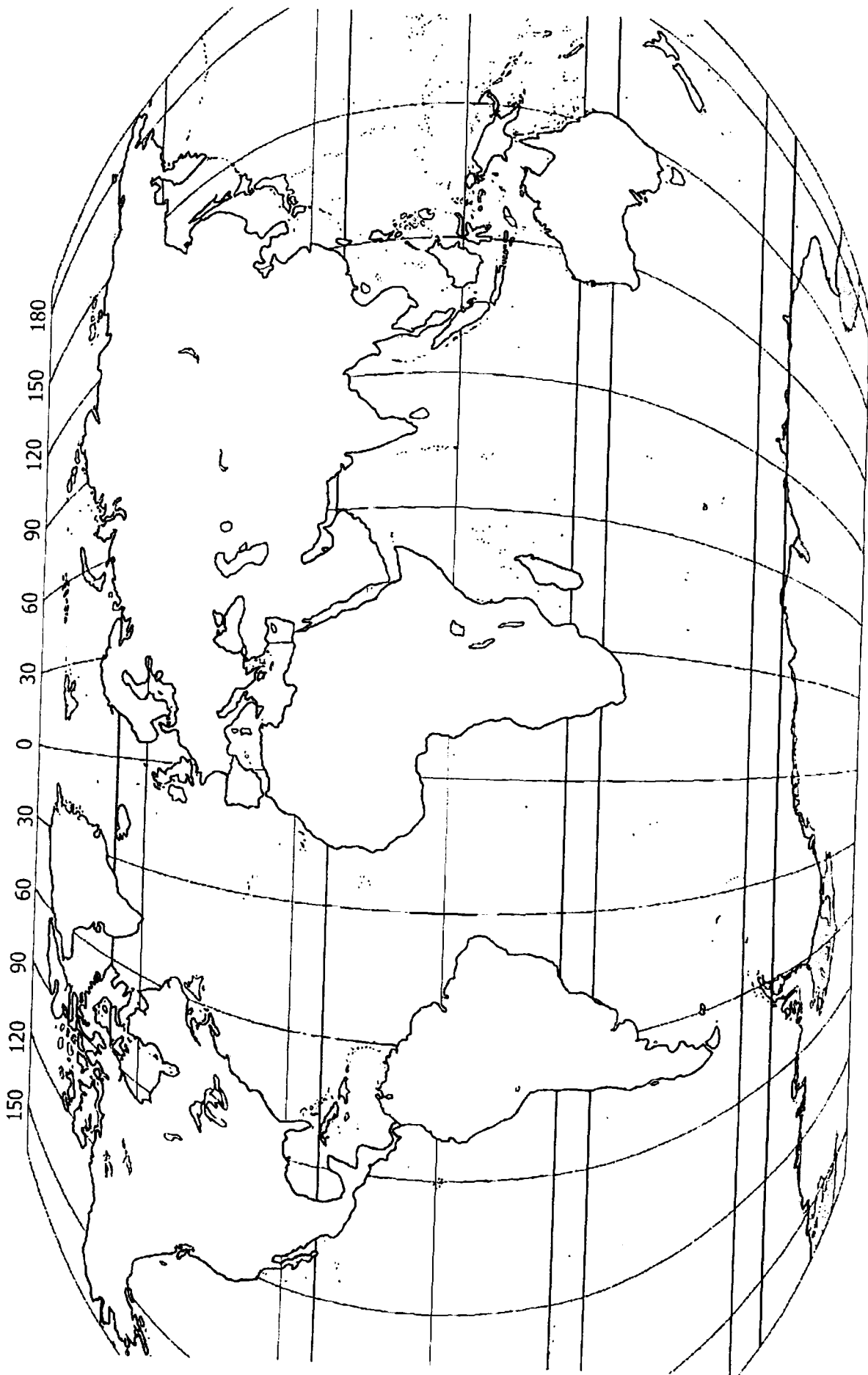
**Please Draw (Lightly) and Label the Following (Pencil?):**

- Arctic Circle (@66.5 Degrees N Latitude)
- Equator (0 Degrees Latitude)
- Tropic of Cancer (@23.5 Degrees N Latitude)
- Tropic of Capricorn (@23.5 Degrees S Latitude)
- Antartic Circle (@66.5 Degrees S Latitude)
- Prime Meridian (0 Degrees Longitude)
- International Date Line (180 Degrees Longitude)



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## AP World History Map Quiz



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